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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: GSP - REVERSE PREFERENCES

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A NOTE HANDED TO CONGEN-
OFF BY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ON
MAY 1:

" THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO TAKE BY 1ST
JANUARY 1976 THE NECESSARY LEGISLATIVE STEPS TO ELIMINATE
ALL TAX OR DUTY PREFERENCES IN FAVOUR OF DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES; PROVIDED THAT BY THAT DATE HONG KONG HAS BEEN
DESIGNATED AS A BENEFICIARY OF THE UNITED STATES
GENERALISED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES."

2. FYI: NOTE, WHICH IS UNDATED, WAS DRAFTED OVER THE
WEEKEND. FCO WAS NOTIFIED OF HKG INTENTION TO FORWARD
TO USG AND WHEN FCO REPLY OF "NO OBJECTION" WAS RECEIVED,
NOTE WAS HANDED OVER. IT THUS APPEARS THAT LAST-MINUTE
EFFORT OF HMG TO PRESERVE HK PREFERENCES IS OVER. CROSS

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